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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES INFORMATION OUTLINED PARAS 1-3  
REFTEL WHICH DID MUCH TO CLARIFY SCOPE, CONTENT, AND  
PARTICIPATION IN APRIL 28-29 ROME MEETING.

2. WE ADVISED KEARNEY OF CONTENTS OF REFTTEL AS WELL AS  
ENTIRE GROUP LISTED PARA 3 REFTTEL WITH EXCEPTION OF  
MESELSON. KEARNEY IS CURRENTLY HEAVILY OCCUPIED WITH  
LABORATORY STUDIES WHICH ARE OVERDUE, AND AGRICULTURE  
AUTHORITIES WISH HIM TO CATCH UP ON.

3. TWO U.S. SCIENTISTS HAVE ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO  
ATTEND. THEY ARE DR. ROBERT W. BAUGHMAN, DEPARTMENT OF  
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NEUROBIOLOGY, HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL (VICE MESELSON) AND  
DR. JAMES R. ALLEN, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN. BOTH MOORE  
AND POLAND HAVE DECLINED TO ATTEND, THE FORMER BECAUSE OF  
A PREVIOUS COMMITMENT AND THE LATTER BECAUSE HE DOES NOT

CONSIDER HE COULD MAKE SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
MEETING.

4. ON OTHER HAND, DR. ALLEN PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN RESEARCH ON TOXICOLOGICAL EFFECTS ON NON-HUMAN PRIMATES OF TCDD AT EXTREMELY LOW LEVELS OF EXPOSURE. DR. BAUGHMAN SPECIALIZES IN RESEARCH ON DETECTION OF TCDD AT VERY LOW LEVELS FOR TOXICOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PURPOSES. FROM SOUNDINGS WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE USG SCIENTISTS WE BELIEVE THAT BAUGHMAN AND ALLEN CAN PROVIDE RESPECTABLE AND ADEQUATE U.S. REPRESENTATION AT MEETING.  
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